

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
NORTH COAST REGION
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NOTICE
PUBLIC WORKSHOP AND CEQA SCOPING MEETING

Concerning the development of Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) and
Action Plan for the Klamath River.

The Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region (Regional Water Board) will hold a public meeting concerning development and adoption of a Basin Plan amendment and establishment of TMDLs for nutrients and water temperature in the Klamath River watershed in California, and dissolved oxygen concentrations in the Klamath River in California. The public meeting will serve to identify and discuss the scope of potential environmental impacts of the proposed TMDLs in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act. Regional Water Board staff will also present an overview of the impairments in the Klamath River, the analytical approaches being used to quantify the sources of the impairments, and identify potential activities being considered to address the sources of impairment. This is the third CEQA Scoping meeting, following one in Yreka in February and one in Eureka in March.

The Klamath River is impaired by excessive amounts of nutrients, high water temperatures, and low dissolved oxygen concentrations. The impairments are impacting several beneficial uses, including the cold water salmon and steelhead fishery. The purpose of the TMDLs is to establish loading capacities for nutrients and water temperature and to address factors influencing dissolved oxygen concentrations within the Klamath River while meeting water quality standards. The proposed Basin Plan amendment will describe the approach of the Regional Water Board to achieve a reduction in nutrient discharges, improve water temperatures, and increase dissolved oxygen concentrations.

Members of the public and interested parties will be provided the opportunity to present oral and/or written comments on all aspects of the TMDL, including implementation planning. All comments will be included in the final administrative record.

The scoping meeting is scheduled as follows:

Date: July 18, 2006
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: Mid Klamath Watershed Council, Panamnik Building, 38150 Highway 96,
Orleans, CA 95556

Who Should Attend: Public and private land owners; county and water management officials; members and representatives of tribes, environmental groups; and other interested groups or individuals.

Questions regarding the scoping meeting should be directed to Ben Zabinsky,
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